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## CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS

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**JUNE COUNCIL MEETING** The annual tribal Council Meeting was held on June 29, 1974 in St. Gregory's Commons building and another record number of tribal members were present. The tribe was brought up to date on the Business Committee progress in securing industrial development on tribal land. The tribe has been approved for a 100 per cent grant to build a Cultural Heritage Center and Council house pending legislation to put tribal lands back into trust status. Bill H.R. 11890 passed the Senate and hopefully will be passed by the House in the latter part of November. The Bill was introduced during the first session, 93rd Congress by Congressman Tom Steed of Oklahoma and is presently lodged in the Indian Affairs Sub Committee. It is vitally important that our tribal lands be placed in trust status and you as a tribal member can do your part by writing your congressman concerning this bill and seeking their support in getting this Bill passed by the House.

**SPECIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SLATED FOR NOVEMBER 16, 1974** On Sept. 4th Mr. Raymond Peltier, Chairman and Mr. John Barrett, Vice-Chairman resigned their offices on the Business Committee due to personal conflict between the two men. The purpose for holding this meeting will be to hold an advisory election for the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. As stated in Article II of the By-Laws "Any person elected to membership on the Business Committee shall not be less than 21 years of age and a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi tribe. It also states that they must reside within Pottawatomie County or one of the counties that touch Pottawatomie County. (Seminole, Pontotoc, McClain, Oklahoma, Lincoln, Cleveland and Okfuskee counties.) An advisory election will also be held to elect a new grievance committee and the same qualifications apply to these offices. If you plan on running for one of these positions a letter to the tribal office would be appreciated so the ballots can be made. However, nominations can be made from the floor at the Council Meeting. Letters 10 days prior to the meeting are not a necessity in this advisory election.

**CHR BEAN SUPPER—COME ONE CAME ALL!!!!** The Potawatomi CHR's are having a Bean Supper, Monday, October 21, 1974 at 6:30 p.m. in the Potawatomi Community House. There will be beans and fry bread a'plenty so bring the family and enjoy an evening with friends over a big plate of beans. We ask that you bring your own plates and eating utensils, and one of the following; desert, relish dish, salad, or vegetable dish. The cost will be \$1.00 per person or \$2.50 per family. Proceeds will be used for the "Senior Citizens Fun Night Bingo". Everyone welcome.....See you October 21st.

**TRIBAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TGDP)** — As most tribal members know, the tribe has had a TGDP Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the past two years. These funds have been used to carry out various types of programs for the tribe. This year we are getting \$5,900.00 for the first part of the fiscal year and these funds will be used for an Overall Economic Development Proposal (OEDP) and one tribal newsletter. The OEDP is needed by the tribe so the tribe can get additional funding for other tribal programs. If Congress appropriates the amount of money that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has requested for TGDP then we will get an additional \$5,900.00 the latter part of this fiscal year. The additional money will be used to conduct a skills survey of Potawatomis and coding the information into the computer for a permanent record.

**SERVICES TO INDIANS** — It has come to the attention of the Citizen Potawatomi Tribal Office that many tribal members residing out of our tribal area experience difficulty in receiving services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service in the area where they happen to be living. Listed below is a brief general summary of where to go for services; **Trust Property**— Information and questions about trust property are answered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Agency having the jurisdiction over the geographic area where the property is located. Information about Indian Claims would be answered by the tribe and/or BIA agency receiving the award.

**Mutual Help Housing**— (new housing) would be taken care of by the Tribal Housing Authority having jurisdiction for the area where the individual intended to build.

**Home Improvement**— (HIP) This is a BIA Program to improve existing Indian owned housing for low income Indian families. Questions should be answered and applications taken by the BIA Agency or tribe having jurisdiction for the area where the individual lives.

**College Education**— Assistance, whether a grant or loan is handled by the individual home agency or area. The home area is determined by tribal enrollment. Citizen Potawatomis would contact the Shawnee or Anadarko Area Offices. Education assistance is restricted to those individuals who possess at least a total of one-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) degree of Indian blood.

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Social Services- (welfare) Information and assistance should be provided by the BIA Agency where you live.

Health Care and Home Sanitation- Assistance should be provided by the Indian Health Office providing service from the area where you happen to live. I'm sure many tribal members happen to live where no special services are offered to Indian people. However, if you reside in an area where services are provided but are denied help because they claim you are not of their tribe, request the rejection in writing and forward a copy to the tribal office. Please keep in mind, that I mean if you are other wise eligible for the services, but are refused because you live out of your tribal area, let this office know.

CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER- We are now beginning to collect items to go on display in our Cultural Heritage Center and if any member has any Potawatomi songs, tales, legends, poems, short stories or other literature please forward to the Tribal Office so these can be preserved for future generations. Potawatomi works of visual art, (paintings, carvings, wall hangings, sculpture, weaving, beadwork, etc.) will be needed for our museum. Those members donating any works of art or literature will be acknowledged and their donations kept perpetually in the Potawatomi Cultural Heritage Center.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT Mrs. Wanda Jo Peltier was hired by the tribe as the Project Planner and Industrial Development Specialist. Wanda is the wife of Gerald Peltier and resides in Macomb, Oklahoma. We feel very fortunate to have Wanda on board and we managed to squeeze her into a corner in our small office building. Hopefully the offices will be moved to the larger house next door this month and will provide more office space. Wanda was hired under the ONAP Grant and has been doing a tremendous job seeking funding for our industrial prospects. She went to Washington for the tribe the first of this month and from the response we have received, she accomplished a great deal. Welcome aboard Wanda, we are real proud to have you.

ARTS & CRAFTS The Arts & Crafts School has not re-opened but will within the next few weeks. Anyone interested in purchasing bead work or other indian crafts write the tribal office as we keep a small inventory available. When the classes begin they will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m. and will be held in the Potawatomi Community House. These classes are open to all Indians from the ages of 13 and up.

COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES (CHR) The Community Health Representative Program serves all the Indian people with in this area in all phases of health. Our Tribal CHRs are; Director, Norman Kiker, CHR, Mary Wheeler, CHR Jewell Bruno, CHR Jo Nell Negahnquet. If you live within the Shawnee Service Unit area and have a health related question you would like answered or a health problem you need solved, just write or call one of the Tribal CHRs for assistance. Phone 275-3125. If you live outside the Shawnee Service Unit area and need help, write and we will do our best to refer you to another resource. Below is the tribal address;

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CHR BINGO- NOVEMBER 11, 1974 7:00 p.m. Another Bingo Fun Nite! Everyone is welcome and the cost is minimal so come on out to the Community House and bring your friends, relatives and neighbors and have a good time. Proceeds from this Bingo will go toward purchasing Christmas and Thanksgiving food baskets for the needy in our area. Be sure and mark this date on your calander.

CLAIM - PER CAPITA PAYMENT I know many of you are wondering why we haven't received a payment since it seemed so near after appropriation. Two months ago it looked like a complete new roll (decendancy) would have to be made, but to date Washington researchers have found adequate evidence that they can determine what percent of the Potawatomi Nation each tribe represented at the time the Treaty was signed. If all goes well the payment should be made with about 6 months.

REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN CONCERNING HOUSE BILL HR 11890!!!

Beverly Hughes,  
Tribal Secretary